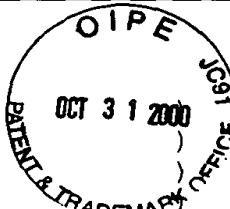


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of: Hajime AGA et al. Serial No.: 09/034,336 Filed: March 4, 1998 For: REDUCTION INHIBITORY AGENT FOR ACTIVE-OXYGEN ELIMINATING ACTIVITY

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action of August 1, 2000,
please enter the following amendment:

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claim 5 in fifth amended form as follows:

5. (Fifth Amendment) A method for inhibiting the decrease of naturally occurring active-oxygen-eliminating activity in a plant when the plant is sliced[,] or disrupted, or when an edible part of the plant is disrupted, which comprises a step of

incorporating homogeneously, in an aqueous system, an inhibitory agent into said plant which is in a juicy form [of a sliced, disrupted or extracted plant-edible-part] and has an active-oxygen-eliminating activity, said inhibitory agent comprising an amount effective of trehalose and pullulan for said inhibition.

Please amend claim 28 as follows.